

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
THIRD DIVISION**

**IN RE: GUIDANT CORP. IMPLANTABLE
DEFIBRILLATORS PRODUCT LIABILITY
LITIGATION**

**MDL NO. 1708
(DWF/AJB)**

PROTOCOL FOR SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following protocol and procedures are to be followed in the submission, consideration and payment of Non-Tax Expenses:

- a) All Non-Tax Expenses to be considered for payment by the Escrow Agent shall be submitted to the Claims Administrator, Analytics Incorporated, no later than the 5th day of each month. The Claims Administrator shall assemble the submitted expenses, along with its invoice, in a financial reporting package, and forward same by email to Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan and Assistant Special Master Patrick A. Juneau, the LCC and defense counsel. If the LCC and/or the defense counsel have any objection to any portion of the package, such objection shall be made by email or facsimile to Magistrate Judge Boylan and Assistant Special Master Juneau within seven (7) days of the date the Claims Administrator sends out its financial reporting package. If no objection is made within the allowed time frame, the expenses will be deemed approved by the LCC and the defense counsel. Magistrate Judge Boylan and Assistance Special Master Juneau will consider the submission and, if they approve it, they will sign an order which will be sent to the LCC and defense counsel. The LCC and the defense counsel shall submit a Joint Written Notice with the accompanying order of the Court, authorizing disbursement to the Escrow Agent. A copy of the Joint Written Notice with accompanying order shall be provided to Analytics Incorporated.

s/ Arthur J. Boylan
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the foregoing report were this day served on the Claimants through the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and on the Attorneys for the settling defendants by U.S. Mail.

Lafayette, Louisiana this 9th day of April , 2008.

s/ Patrick A. Juneau
PATRICK A. JUNEAU
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